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Professional Cards.

FRANKLIN SMITH,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
CANTON, MISS.
Always to be found at his office,
No. 10 North of the Peace House, up-stairs,
Feb. 3, 1865.

T. C. TUPPER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
CANTON, MISS.
Office near his residence. He has formed a con-
sultation with Messrs. Hughes, Denver and Peck,
Attorneys, Washington City, who will attend to all
business on the Government, and other business at
hington that may be confided to him.
Feb. 1, 1865.

LUCKETT, FERN & SMITH,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CANTON, MISS.
October 26, 1865.

S. F. ALFORD,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
CANTON, MISS.
Will attend with promptness and ability
to all business entrusted to his care, in Ma-
dison and adjoining counties.
Particular attention paid to collections.
Aug. 29-ly.

DR. C. CLAY NELSON,
DENTAL SURGEON,
CANTON, MISS.
Office and residence near Baptist Church.
ALL OPERATIONS FULLY GUARANTEED.
Teeth inserted from one to an entire set, on
Gold, Silver or Vulcanite base, the latter a new in-
vention, and will give satisfaction in all cases.
Feb. 22-ly

DR. GEORGE W. SMITH (Vaniz.)
OFFERS his professional services to the public. Office
at his mother's, six miles west of Canton.
Jan. 11, '66.

DR. A. T. SEMMES,
OFFERS his professional services to the citizens
of Canton and vicinity, in the various branch-
es of his profession.
Office—Over the Drug Store of Mosby & Co.
Residence—Same as formerly. dec7-ly

DR. GALLOWAY & CAGE,
RESIDENT PHYSICIANS,
CANTON, Miss.
Office South-side of Public Square.
October 26, 1865.

GOUGH, STEWART & CO.,
CANTON, Miss.
HAVE purchased a twenty horse-power
engine, which is on the way here, for
the purpose of running a
CORN-MILL.

CORN-MILL,
TURNING-LATHES
AND PLANING
MACHINE.
The above machinery will be up and in
running order in a few days.
Feb. 18, 1866.

H. HALL & CO.,
STORAGE, FORWARDING
COMMISSION AGENTS.
Warehouse at Miss. Cent'l R. R. Depot,
CANTON, MISS.

(AGENTS FOR MISSISSIPPI CENTRAL RAILROAD.)
ARE prepared to attend promptly to Storage and
Forwarding of Merchandise and Cotton, and
any particular attention to the sale of Produce,
Agricultural Implements, Lime, Cement, Wagons,
etc., on Commission.
Authorized Agents for the "UNDERWRITERS"
AGENCY, of New York, and are prepared to in-
sure Fire and Transportation Risks at the lowest
rates.
They refer to the officers of the Mississippi Cen-
tral and New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern
Railroads, and to the Merchants and Planters gen-
erally in Western and Central Mississippi.
Feb. 1, 1866.

STEBBINS, FLEMING & CO.,
North-East Corner of Public Square,
CANTON, Miss.

HAVE ON HAND AND ARE CONSTANTLY
receiving NEW GOODS, adapted to the
wants of this market. Our stock consists of

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods,
GROCERIES, HARDWARE
AND
PLANTATION SUPPLIES generally.

In our assortment will be found
DOMESTICS, OSNABERGS, DENIMS,
FRENCH, ENGLISH
AND AMERICAN PRINTS,

COATS, DELAINES, &c.
HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES
AND READY-MADE CLOTHING.

IRON, HOLLOW-WARE, AUGERS, CHIS-
ELS, HOES, TRACCH CHAINS, CUTLERY,
SUGAR, MOLASSES, COFFEE,

TEA, FLOUR, GRAIN, POWDER, SHOT,
CAPS, COAL OIL, LAMPS, CROCK-
ERY, WOODEN WARE,
and various other articles too numerous to
mention, all of which will be sold at the
lowest prices, for cash or Cotton.
Give us a call,
One and all.
STEBBINS, FLEMING & Co.
Feb. 10, 1866.

FOR RENT—
A LARGE AND COMMODIOUS STABLE—WITH
a large house attached. Apply at
Feb. 12-ly

Wanted,
3000 GOOD SHINGLES, immediately
Apply at
THIS OFFICE.

20 BBL. REST OLD MONONGAHELA
WHISKY, just received and for sale
by
T. J. RICHARDS

500 LBS. SMOKING TOBACCO, just
received and for sale by
T. J. RICHARDS

New Orleans Cards.

J. R. POWELL,
COTTON FACTOR
—AND—
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
NO. 17.....Carondelet St.,
NEW ORLEANS, La.

Liberal cash advances made on Cotton
consigned to this house.
Feb. 18, 1866.

JOHN D. BRITTON,
Formerly with Coleman,
Britton & Withers.

ROBERT L. MOORE,
Formerly with Lewis
& Oglesby.

BRITTON & MOORE,
COTTON AND TOBACCO FACTORS,
—AND—
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 71 Carondelet Street,
NEW ORLEANS.

REFERENCES:
JOSEPH W. CARROLL, Firm of Carroll, Hoy & Co.,
N. O.
WILLIAM A. VIOLETT, Firm of Violett, Black &
Co., N. O.
C. C. SHACKLEFORD, President N. O., J. & G. N.
R. R. Co.
Gen. HARRY T. HAYS, Attorney at Law, N. O.
Jan. 6, 1866.

SAMUEL BARRETT,
COTTON FACTOR
—AND—
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT,
CORNER OF COMMON AND BARONNE STREETS,
(Entrance on Baronne Street.)
NEW ORLEANS.

Messrs. BROWN, NOONAN & CO., CAYSON,
Miss., will pay the Internal Revenue Tax, if desired,
on all cotton consigned to me
Dec. 16, 65.

J. S. WALTHALL, L. S. WALTHALL, W. H. RICHESLEY,
Newbern, Ala. Marion, Ala. Formerly of Vicks, Miss.

WALTHALL & CO.,
COTTON FACTORS
—AND—
General Commission Merchants,
12 UNION STREET, (Up Stairs.)
NEW ORLEANS, La.

M. J. ZUNTS,
(Late Rhorer & Zunts.)
COTTON FACTOR,
No. 32 Perdido Street, corner Carondelet,
New Orleans, La.

CONWAY & BROTHER,
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
Corner Tchoupitoulas & Common Sts.
NEW ORLEANS.

Particular attention paid to putting up
[In 20] FAMILY SUPPLIES. [If

PACKET WHARFBOAT,
AT THE FOOT OF CHINA ST.,
VICKSBURG, MISS.

I WILL receive Cotton at all times from the
Merchants on the Wharfbottom; will receive and
forward all freight going up Yazoo river, and all
freight coming out of Yazoo, and ship to any point
FREE OF CHARGE.
Will receive orders for Freight from New Orleans,
to be sent per steamer Quimper or Magenta, either
from persons of Vicksburg or Yazoo river, and will
guarantee prompt attention to the same.
We offer the facilities of our large and commodi-
ous Wharfbottom to the Merchants and shippers of
Vicksburg and Yazoo river, and beg a liberal share
of patronage for our line.
D. W. LAMKIN, of Yazoo City,
Agents for Steamers General Quitman
[and Magenta].
Dec. 7, '65-3m.

TAPPAN & CO.,
DEALERS IN
Iron, Steel, Nails, Spikes,
BLACKSMITH TOOLS,
PRINTING AND WRAPPING PAPER,
Printing Ink—all kinds, &c.
No. 4 MULBERRY STREET,
Vicksburg, Miss.

W. J. KENDALL
TAKES great pleasure in informing his
friends and former patrons, as well as
the gentlemen of Madison county generally, that
he has just returned from New Orleans with a large
stock of superior and fashionable ready-made clothing,
and gentlemen's furnishing goods, carefully
selected by himself, and which he is prepared to sell on
as good terms as can be purchased in the city.
W. J. K., would call the special attention of
gentlemen to his superior lot of
CASSIMERES, CLOVES, VESTINGS,
which he is prepared to have made up in the latest
and best style, by the best of workmen.
Gentlemen are respectfully requested to call and
examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere.
Particular attention paid to cutting.
Canton, Nov. 2, '65.

HAVE YOU SETTLED?
Our anti-bellum Notes and Accounts are in the
hands of David Dean for collection, and those not
paid or arranged by the Second Monday in March,
will be placed in the hands of an energetic Attorney
for collection of Past-due and Interest.
J. G. MOREY & BROS.
Feb. 22-3v.

SADDLES, HARNESS,
—AND—
SADDLERY IN GENERAL.
I HAVE a good assortment of SADDLES and
HARNESS on hand, which I will sell low, and
shall keep a good supply of materials for the trade.
Work done to order on short notice.
My father, A. M. GURLEY, will give me all the
assistance in his power.
H. L. GURLEY.
Nov. 18, 1865.

ORPHANS' HOME.
A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Or-
phans' Home of the State of Mississippi, will be
held at Meridian on Wednesday, April 24, at 7
1-2 P. M. All the members are earnestly requested
to attend, as business of vital importance is to be
transacted.
L. A. DUNCAN, Secretary.
Papers friendly to the cause are respectfully
requested to copy.
Mar. 22-ly.

CITIZEN

MOSBY, RICHARDS & CO.,
DRUGGISTS AND APOTHECARIES
BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS
HAVE just received from New York a very
heavy and well selected stock of
MEDICINES AND CHEMICALS,
FINE BRANDIES, WINES,
AND OTHER LIQUORS,
TEAS, &c.

Also, an extensive assortment of School Books,
Blank Books, Stationery and Miscellaneous
Works, embracing Bibles, Prayer Books, Histories,
Geographies, British and American Poets, Novels,
&c. Also, a splendid stock of
JEWELRY,
Consisting of Gold and Silver Watches, Spectacles,
Diamond Pins, Topaz, Amethyst and Cameo Sets,
Brooches, Bracelets, Chatelaines of the latest style.
A variety of FANCY ARTICLES too large to
enumerate.

Various brands of choice SMOKING and CHEW-
ING TOBACCO.
Genuine HAYANA CIGARS, PIPES, &c., &c.
Also, TABLE KNIVES and FORKS, CASTORS,
POCKET CUTLERY, from the best manufacturers.
Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Lamps, Putty,
100 boxes Window Glass, assorted.
5,000 lights assorted Window Sash.
HARDWARE of every description ordinarily used
in building or repairing.
CARPENTER'S and PLANTATION TOOLS,
ETC., ETC., ETC.

The whole stock has been bought for cash from
first hands, and will be sold as cheap as can be pur-
chased in New Orleans.
MOSBY, RICHARDS & CO., by strict attention
to business and cheap prices will endeavor to prove
themselves worthy of a generous patronage.
Dec. 20, 1865.

**GARDNER'S RHEUMATIC AND
NEURALGIC COMPOUND.**
A certain cure for Rheumatism and Neuralgia in
its worst form.
Good for all kinds of Scrofulous humors.
For sale by
MOSBY, RICHARDS & CO.
Mar. 1-ly.

Powder.
200 LBS. POWDER just received and
for sale by
MOSBY, RICHARDS & CO.
Jan. 27.

COTTON MONEY for sale, by
MOSBY, RICHARDS & CO.
Jan. 20, 1866.

100 OZ. QUININE—
Just received and for sale by
MOSBY, RICHARDS & CO.

60 DRACHMS SULPHATE MORPHIA—
Just received and for sale by
MOSBY, RICHARDS & CO.

35 LBS GUM OPIUM;
60 galls cold pressed Castor Oil;
50 lbs Spirit Nitre;
200 pure Saltpetre;
300 Alum;
300 Copperas;
200 Sulphur;
25 Blue Mass;
10 English Calomel;
25 Chloroform;
6 doz bottles Homoeopathic Bitters;
6 Schickel Schenappe;
6 Bull's Sarapilla;
5 Ayer's Cherry Pectoral;
6 Jamaica Ginger;
400 boxes Kentucky Mustard;
300 lbs Epsom Salts;
200 Black Pepper;
50 Cayenne Pepper;
100 galls pure Elder Vinegar.

Spices of Every Description.
100 galls Coal Oil;
100 Linseed Oil;
100 Turpentine;
3,000 lbs. White Lead;
5,000 Zinc;
500 Assorted Colors;
100 galls Vaseline;
48 doz Table and Dessert Knives;
25 assorted Pocket Knives;
5 Schenck's Best Malt;
25 assorted Locks;
100 gross Wood Screws, assorted;
3 doz Drawing Knives.
Just received and for sale by
dec20 MOSBY, RICHARDS & CO.

DOZ. HANDSAWS;
3 doz Axes;
3 doz assorted Planes;
4 doz Braces and Bits;
4 doz Steel Hammers and Hatchets;
144 Coal Oil Lamps, assorted;
1800 rolls Wall Paper.
Just received and for sale by
MOSBY, RICHARDS & CO.
Dec. 20, 1865.

Neatly and Promptly
EXECUTED;
ON THE MOST REASONABLE TERMS.

Compliment to Gen. Lee.

At Lexington, in the State of Virginia,
is a college which bears the name of the
most illustrious citizen ever born in the
Old Dominion, fertile as that pleasant
land has been in heroes; nor could George
Washington himself have wished that the
college erected in his honor would have
been presided over by a chief more than the one
who quietly entered upon his duties just
a fortnight ago. The new president is
still in the prime of manhood, though al-
ready his hair and beard are gray; he
has been long accustomed to command;
he is familiar with hardships as with fame
—has slept for months amid the woods of
Virginia, and has crossed the Rappahan-
nock northward at the head of a victori-
ous army; he has been proven alike by
good and evil fortune, and, whether when
threatening the Federal capital, or when
surrendering his sword to a Federal cap-
tain, he has ever borne himself as becom-
ing a man born alike by ancestry and by
nature. The descendant of "Light Horse
Harry" has doffed the grey uniform for
the garb of a peaceful professor; nor can
we own that the change is a degradation,
even Robert Lee. There is a difference
in this mode of action, but no alteration
in the object, which is simply to render
the best service he can to his native State.
To that single aim he has never once
been unfaithful; and he will still pursue
it, we may rest assured, with the old
high enthusiasm tempered by a cautious
brain. Throughout the war nothing was
more remarkable than Lee's personal in-
fluence—in the manner in which he im-
pressed every one who approached him.
That men, with Jackson's purity and
earnestness, or with the debonnaire and
graceful valor of Stuart, should appre-
ciate the illustrious leaders, was only nat-
ural; but even the humblest soldier in the
ranks felt, though they might not have
been able to express, the moral power
which Lee exerted. The war was, in all
conscience, sanguinary enough, but there
would have been a very carnival of ear-
nage, a devilish outbreak of all men's
ferocious passions, had the Southern leader
been of different temper.

Gallantly as the Confederates fought,
we must never forget their armies were
composed of somewhat questionable raw
material; that the volunteers with all the
instinct of bravery which seldom deserts
a dominant class, had likewise many of
the vices which are inevitably engendered
by the possession of arbitrary power.
Accustomed to the unchecked license of
authority, the slaveholders might per-
chance have been ready enough to give
the war a character of internecine hatred;
and it was eminently due to Robert E.
Lee that the courtesies and humanities of
civilized warfare were, on the whole, ob-
served. The gentle nature of the man
never degenerated into weakness; with a
high hand he could restrain excesses, and
admirably did he exercise his power.
There are no purer pages in the history
of the civil war than those which relate
to his invasion of Maryland and Penn-
sylvania, at a time when the temper of the
Southern people was sorely tried.

Such qualities as he displayed could
not fail, in the long run, to win the re-
gard of a manly and affectionate people;
and while we find that he was loved like a
father by all those who shared his imme-
diate perils, we have not yet forgotten that
when the victorious veterans of the North
were marching home through Richmond
they burst into a splendid shout of enthu-
siasm as they recognized, gravely con-
templating them from a curtained window,
the familiar form and face of Robert E.
Lee.

"The old order changes, giving place
to new, and God fulfills himself in many
ways." To teach young lads their clas-
sics and mathematics may seem but a
poor occupation for one whose word was
lately the supreme law for a hundred
thousand fighting men; and yet there
need be no sense of humiliation involved
in the deliberate acceptance of such em-
ployment. The new order is that of peace.
For a time the finest thing that Lee could
do was to set an example of valor and
virtue to the whole manhood of the South;
but not less pure is the glory of one who,
by honest and patient labor, prepares the
young for that longer conflict which fills
the whole length and breadth of human
life.

An Eastern editor in describing a
gale of wind, says: "A white dog, while
attempting to weather the gale, was
caught with mouth wide open, and
turned completely inside out."

A chap sought shelter of a Boston
officer: "See, Cap'n, first my father
died and my mother married again, and
then my mother died and my father
married again, and somehow or other I don't
seem to have no parents at all, nor no
home, nor nothing."

From the N. O. Sunday Times.

A mother who was in the habit of ask-
ing her children before they retired at
night, what they had done to make oth-
ers happy, found her two twin daughters
silent. The question was repeated. "I
can remember nothing all this day, dear
mother; only one of my schoolmates was
happy because she gained the head of
the class, and I smiled on her and ran to
kiss her; so she said I was good. That
is all, dear mother." The other spoke
still more timidly. "A little girl, who
sat with me on the bench at school, has
lost a little brother. I saw that, while
she studied her lesson, she hid her face
in her book and wept. I felt sorry, and
laid my face on the same book and wept
with her. Then she looked up and was
comforted, and put her arms around my
neck; but I do not know why she said I
had done her good." "Come to my
arms, my darling," said the mother, "to
rejoice with those that rejoice, and
weep with those that weep, is to obey
our blessed Redeemer."

The above anecdote, cut from a recent
number of the Times, can, if adequately
appreciated, be rendered far more con-
ducive to the well-being of humanity than
all the auriferous deposits beneath the
surface of our globe. The example of
that eminently wise and Christian moth-
er should admonish all parents of the
momentous duties devolving upon them
as the guardians, not only of the good of
their children, but also of that of the com-
munity, which must necessarily be either
promoted or prejudiced hereafter by the
principle now influencing the rising gen-
eration.

Had every mother been aware of the
solemn duties of her position, and conse-
quently inculcated in the minds of her
offspring the self-elevating habit of seiz-
ing every opportunity to enhance the hap-
piness and assuage the grief of others,
that all-pervading demoralization which
blights the present age would have been
unknown; fraud and immorality would
have had no existence; the necessity of
such organizations as criminal courts
would have never been discovered. Is
it not self-evident that children thus
taught—the example of the parent har-
monizing with teaching—must be incap-
able of injustice to others, of resorting to
fraudulent devices with a view to pecu-
niary gain, obtaining power or obeying
the despotic behests of fashion? Can
any mother who shall read and ponder
the sublime lesson here commented upon,
innocently neglect to follow the example
of that noble, that truly Christian matron?

Fearful will be the responsibility of those
having control of the young, who may
venture to overlook an obligation so im-
perative, and the neglect of which is so
palpably incompatible with the profes-
sion of genuine Christianity. By such a
wise conception and exercise of duty,
mothers could contribute more towards
the regeneration of the human race than
could, without such effective co-operation,
the united efforts of all the purest and
most gifted statesmen and philanthropists
of the civilized world. Will they not
strive thus to win laurels which will re-
tain their verdure as long as those adorn-
ing the brows of the most illustrious mar-
tyrs, heroes and patriots of all ages?

But the duty of contributing to the
happiness and mitigating the afflictions of
others is not confined to those rearing
the young. Every adult should daily re-
view his or her own acts in that respect,
subsequently avoiding any delinquency
which may thus be detected. No surer
mode than this of attaining the happiness
we all desire can be devised, since all
who have experimented in that direction
have ascertained that one's own happi-
ness is augmented by every sincere and
earnest effort in behalf of others. One
whose aspirations never soar above a de-
sire to accumulate money, regardless of
the means employed to accomplish that
end—whose God is Mammon—can never
have no more conception of genuine
soul-satisfying happiness than an infant
of the sublime science of astronomy.

God grant that those who will assuredly
be by Him held accountable for the merits
and demerits of the present and future
generations, may heed this heart-dictat-
ed.

It is stated that to exterminate vermin
from any animal it is only necessary to
cover him completely with grease or oil. Any
kind of oil will do. It appears that the ver-
min breathes through small holes situated in
various parts of their bodies, which the oil
or grease closes up, and they immediately
die.

Two Canadian detectives were
discovered in Milwaukee on the 17th, and
got badly assaulted with mops, dishwater
and brooms by the Irish Amazons.

From the N. O. Crescent.

Spring, sweet spring, is ushered in,
bright and beautiful, with singing birds,
green leaves and fragrant flowers! All
nature seems bathed in beauty. Lovely
spring-tide with its vernal glories! One
could wish it were always spring. The
gentle breeze wafts the sound of marriage
bells, ringing joyfully out on the clear
air. April, of all months, is the one for
weddings; fit type of the married life
with its sunshine and showers.

I have a friend, a dear young lady
friend, who will be married this month.
Her life has been made up of blessings,
the cup of mercies has been filled to over-
flowing; the air she breathed was love,
her home as happy as home on earth could
be, yet she is not satisfied, but must solve
the problem of happiness in a new rela-
tion. And so it is; from time immemo-
rial, the young and lovely leave the homes
of their childhood, and parents who have
loved them with untiring devotion, to fol-
low the footsteps of a comparative stran-
ger, to live in a love that is yet untried.

Will that love be as patient and endur-
ing as a mother's? Will it be gentle
with faults, slow to reprove, quick to com-
mand? Truly there are knotty ques-
tions. I would I could see into the future,
were it only for this young girl's sake.
But an all-wise Father has hidden the
things of the future from mortal gaze; it
is not fitting we should know the things to
come in any life. So the young stake
the happiness of a lifetime upon a few
words spoken before a minister of God,
then go away to solve the problem in joy,
or alas, oftentimes in sorrow.

It is not that I am romantic in the least,
but I do not approve of what the world
calls "a good match" when the heart is
not touched. How can any girl be so
wrought up to the world and its vanishing
pleasures, as to forget she has a heart
which might make a happy home for the
man she loved?

It is too much the fashion now-a-days
to laugh at love as a romantic humbug, and
boarding school nonsense. The belle of a
season rushes headlong into matrimony
with hardly a thought above her dress,
and what the world will say; she soon
finds her mistake; she is happier in a
ball-room than at home, and the result is
a life of aimless, heartless frivolity. Oh,
ye parents, think of this, when your
daughters make "good matches." There
can be no "good match" where love is
not given and returned.

It has been one of my ideas, that as re-
gards marriage a girl should be left, in a
great measure, to her own inclinations.
Her innate sense of refinement will
not allow her to love one beneath her in
social position; then why need her parents
fear? Let her feel untrammelled and free,
and her heart will find its lord. Whether
the object of her choice be rich or poor
makes little difference; her heart goes
out to him, and she is happy. What
more can any parent wish? Happiness
does not always consist in gold and silver,
houses and lands, carriages and horses,
and all the usual accompaniments of lux-
urious wealth; a heavy heart may beat
beneath a satin robe, tears may be shed
in a palace, and sorrow ride in a gilded
coach.

It is only too true that a noble woman
may set her affections on an unworthy ob-
ject; by unworthy I mean dissipated; she
may imagine that her idol can be reclaim-
ed; herself the blessed instrument of that
redemption. Alas, how soon she wakes
from the short dream of happiness to find
solemn resolutions lightly regarded, care-
lessly thrown aside, and promises made
only to be broken. 'Tis a fearful risk,
and should be prayerfully considered.

Somewhat I feel sad when I think of
this young girl assuming wifely duties.
She has always been so joyous and light
hearted, so free from responsibility, that
I cannot but feel an anxiety as to whether
she will regret the entire change.
There is but one wish I can make—that
her married life may be as happy as her
girlhood.

You will think, dear CRESCENT, that
your friend Novelletta is in a very serious
mood. Even so. People cannot be always
merry and gay. I am of a very reflex-
ive turn of mind sometimes; in case you
doubt I will take to writing serious arti-
cles.

By the way, there was an individual
who called me "green" in the public
print last Monday. Now you know, I'm
certain it was a lady, and not a young
lady either; it was a lady, for no gentle-
man in this practical world would use
Italian expressions of endearment; and
I am convinced she is not young for the
simple reason she said I was "green."
I've been thinking the matter over and
come to the conclusion I am not "green."
I rather think I know as much about ed-
itors as she does, and here state that the
honor of being an editor's wife would
amply compensate me for the frequent
loss of his agreeable society.

With this closing sentiment I will bid
you farewell, Mr. CRESCENT, and hope
you will always believe me to be,
Your admiring friend,
NOVELLETTA.

From Novelletta—Marriage Bells.

Spring, sweet spring, is ushered in,
bright and beautiful, with singing birds,
green leaves and fragrant flowers! All
nature seems bathed in beauty. Lovely
spring-tide with its vernal glories! One
could wish it were always spring. The
gentle breeze wafts the sound of marriage
bells, ringing joyfully out on the clear
air. April, of all months, is the one for
weddings; fit type of the married life
with its sunshine and showers.

I have a friend, a dear young lady
friend, who will be married this month.
Her life has been made up of blessings,
the cup of mercies has been filled to over-
flowing; the air she breathed was love,
her home as happy as home on earth could
be, yet she is not satisfied, but must solve
the problem of happiness in a new rela-
tion. And so it is; from time immemo-
rial, the young and lovely leave the homes
of their childhood, and parents who have
loved them with untiring devotion, to fol-
low the footsteps of a comparative stran-
ger, to live in a love that is yet untried.

Will that love be as patient and endur-
ing as a mother's? Will it be gentle
with faults, slow to reprove, quick to com-
mand? Truly there are knotty ques-
tions. I would I could see into the future,
were it only for this young girl's sake.
But an all-wise Father has hidden the
things of the future from mortal gaze; it
is not fitting we should know the things to
come in any life. So the young stake
the happiness of a lifetime upon a few
words spoken before a minister of God,
then go away to solve the problem in joy,
or alas, oftentimes in sorrow.

It is not that I am romantic in the least,
but I do not approve of what the world
calls "a good match" when the heart is
not touched. How can any girl be so
wrought up to the world and its vanishing
pleasures, as to forget she has a heart
which might make a happy home for the
man she loved?

It is too much the fashion now-a-days
to laugh at love as a romantic humbug, and
boarding school nonsense. The belle of a
season rushes headlong into matrimony
with hardly a thought above her dress,
and what the world will say; she soon
finds her mistake; she is happier in a
ball-room than at home, and the result is
a life of aimless, heartless frivolity. Oh,
ye parents, think of this, when your
daughters make "good matches." There
can be no "good match" where love is
not given and returned.

It has been one of my ideas, that as re-
gards marriage a girl should be left, in a
great measure, to her own inclinations.
Her innate sense of refinement will
not allow her to love one beneath her in
social position; then why need her parents
fear? Let her feel untrammelled and free,
and her heart will find its lord. Whether
the object of her choice be rich or poor
makes little difference; her heart goes
out to him, and she is happy. What
more can any parent wish? Happiness
does not always consist in gold and silver,
houses and lands, carriages and horses,
and all the usual accompaniments of lux-
urious wealth; a heavy heart may beat
beneath a satin robe, tears may be shed
in a palace, and sorrow ride in a gilded
coach.

It is only too true that a noble woman
may set her affections on an unworthy ob-
ject; by unworthy I mean dissipated; she
may imagine that her idol can be reclaim-
ed; herself the blessed instrument of that
redemption. Alas, how soon she wakes
from the short dream of happiness to find
solemn resolutions lightly regarded, care-
lessly thrown aside, and promises made
only to be broken. 'Tis a fearful risk,
and should be prayerfully considered